Approved For Release 2000/04/13: CIA-RDI

24,201

1 7 1 5 6

Front

HOW WOODROW WILSON ACTED

That Brother Of Mine

(Chicago Tribune)

President-elect John F. Kennedy defends the selection of his brother Bobby as atterney general on the ground that President Eisenhower used his brother. Milton, as member of an advisory commission on Latin America and that, when John Foster Dulles was secretary of state, his brother Allen W. Dulles, was chief of the central intelligence agency.

A closer parallel to the Kennedy family alliance is provided by the administration of Woodrow Wilson. The position at stake was not as important as a cabinet job, merely involving the place of postmaster of Nashville, Tenn.

Wilson's only brother, Joseph Ruggles Wilson Jr., was recommended for the job. The President, in an emotional letter to Joseph, told why he could not as-

"Knowing as I do," he wrote, "that a better man could not possibly be found for the place, and sure tho I am that it would meet with the general approval of the citizens of Nashville, I yet feel that it would be a very serious mistake both for you and for me if I were to appoint you to the postmastership there. I cannot tell you how I have worried about this or how much I have had to struggle against affection and temptation, but I am clear in the conviction that I am sure that in the long run, if not now, you will agree with me that I am deciding rightly."

This is how another Democratic President faced the same decision which Mr. Kennedy has resolved in a different way.

